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GERMAN AVIATORS SAY RUSSIANS ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE WARSAW

WORRY AMONG ALLIES AS TO WHETHER RUSSIANS WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE THEIR ARMIES FROM PARTIAL DESTRUCTION IN THIS RETREAT FROM WARSAW.

German Aviators who are now hovering over Warsaw, declare that Russians are making every preparation to evacuate that city—former French War Minister Messimy wounded while in command of French Battalion in Vosges fighting—Madrid reports Pope is preparing to try and secure armistice through Episcopates of the Belligerents—Russians again feeling effect of shortage of ammunition.

London, July 30.—German aviators are hovering over Warsaw and report that every apparent preparation is being made to abandon it. Among the allies there is some worry as to whether the Russians will be able to save their armies from partial destruction in this retreat.

Pope Again Seeks Armistice. Berlin, July 30.—A Madrid dispatch claims that the pope is preparing to secure an armistice through the Episcopates of the belligerents.

French Official Wounded. Paris, July 30.—Former French war minister Messimy has been severely wounded in the fighting in the Vosges while in command of a battalion.

Await Evacuation of Warsaw. London, July 30.—The probable evacuation of Warsaw and the whole Polish salient by the Russians is indicated in dispatches received from Petrograd.

This decision would come as a surprise to all outside the inner councils of the Russian general staff, as the splendid resistance which the Russians have been offering, apparently with considerable success, to the German efforts to encircle the city, were believed to be evidence of Grand Duke Nicholas' intention to fight it out with the Germans.

It is pointed out, however, by the Russian military critics, after conversations with "competent military authorities" that until the army is perfectly equipped to oppose the perfect Austro-German machine the sensible thing to do would be to avoid battle and withdraw until the armies are organized and equipped and in a condition to take aggressive offensive and drive the enemy from Russian soil.

Politics, rather than strategy, decided the Russians to advance into East Prussia and Galicia. It is explained by the critics, and while in doing so they rendered great service to the western allies and inflicted terrible losses on both Austrians and Germans, they now may give up all and more than they gained.

It is anticipated by the Petrograd papers that the whole country if evacuated will be denuded of resources which might prove valuable to the Germans as has been done in most of the territory the Russians have given up.

The capture of Warsaw naturally would be made the occasion for great celebrations in Germany and it is reported that Emperor William has arranged to make a state entry into the city, accompanied by the empress. The empress has been on a visit to Field Marshal von Hindenburg's headquarters at Allenstein, East Prussia, and left there yesterday with the Crown Princess Cecile for Noldenburg which is across the Polish border.

In the meantime fighting of the greatest intensity continues around the Polish triangle and as Berlin claims no important success except the repulse of Russian attacks it is presumed the Russians are holding off the Austro-Germans.

Live up your business—try the Want Ads.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., July 30.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Saturday is generally fair, with not much change in temperature.

AUDITING CITY BOOKS BY EXPERT ACCOUNTANT

This morning Messrs. J. W. Quilty and G. B. Balfour, of Oklahoma City, expert accountants with the Oklahoma City branch of the Baker, Vawter, Wolf Audit Company of New York and Chicago, began the work of auditing the books of the city in accordance with a contract entered into some time ago. It will require several weeks to do the work and submit their report as the books have not been audited since 1910.

N. B. and M. E. Steward, managers of the Oklahoma City office will be in the city from time to time as the work progresses.

A Woodmen Reception

James E. Galt and M. J. Parker went to Marietta last night, where they attend a Woodmen reception given in honor of W. M. Balthrop who was one of the representatives of the Woodmen at the recent sovereign convention held in St. Paul. Following the report of Mr. Balthrop he was presented with a Woodmen emblem by his local camp. Several speeches were made for the good of the order and refreshments were served. The Ardmore visitors report a most pleasant time.

YESTERDAY THE HOTTEST DAY OF YEAR

OLD SOL GOT IN HIS WORK AND SENT MERCURY PAST THE 100 MARK FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. TODAY A CLOSE SECOND

Yesterday was the hottest day of the year, the mercury at the local observatory registered 101, the first time it has exceeded the 100 mark this season. The weather today promises to give that mark a close race as it was exceedingly humid this morning.

People are beginning to use the sprinkling hose freely on their lawns in order to keep them green, the trees, both fruit and shade, are being generously watered as it takes but a few days such as yesterday to endanger young trees and shrubbery.

The biggest crop of hay ever gathered in this section is being harvested now, the weather has been ideal for this purpose and it is all of a very high grade, bringing top prices on the market.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECT TEACHER THIS MORNING

INSTRUCTOR IN LATIN COMES FROM BRANDON, MISS.—BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO TRANSFER OF PUPILS.

This morning the school board met for the purpose of acting upon some unfinished business carried over from the last meeting and also for the purpose of the selection of an instructor in Latin for the high school. Upon recommendation of Superintendent C. W. Richards, J. R. Buchanan, of Brandon, Miss., was unanimously chosen for that position.

A resolution was also passed relative to transferring pupils from one district to another. It was cited that no pupil could enter either the wards or the high school of the city without paying tuition unless they were regularly accredited residents of the city or had been transferred as provided by law from some other district.

The extraordinary possibilities of human nature are illustrated by the practical joker who thinks it amusing to write an anonymous letter or construct a fake bomb.

MORATORIUM IN PARIS JOY TO TENANTS

TAX COLLECTOR, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZES NO BARRIERS AND AS A RULE EVENS THINGS UP—SOME RENT FREE.

Paris, July 29.—For the fourth time since the beginning of the war the hopes of Parisian landlords have been deferred by the extension of the moratorium, however, and the corner grocer and the butcher are doing business on a strictly cash basis, so the man whose Parisian estate brings him in only what he requires to live on is worse off than the man who has no property at all. The latter may apply to some of the relief organizations; the owner of an apartment house, however, would be turned away.

Out of a total of 80,041 apartment houses in Paris, according to the census of 1911, 68,723 brought in a total revenue of less than \$2,400 yearly, while 47,556 produced a net income of less than \$1,200 a year. Nearly every one of the buildings bringing an income of \$2,400 or less are inhabited by families that pay less than \$200 a year rent each and consequently are able to occupy their apartments so long as the moratorium continues without paying a cent to the proprietor. The accumulation of a year's rentals, amounting in the aggregate to at least fifty million dollars, is developing a thorny question that the government has found it necessary to take into consideration.

While the moratorium decree allows landlords to pursue the collection of rents in case the tenant is able to pay, the burden of proof is upon them and is so difficult that almost wherever it is tried the result is only an accumulation of costs on top of the accumulated rent.

No one pays rent willingly, even if they are able to do so, for the reason that most of the modestly situated tenants expect a compromise, imposed by law, in the end, as was done after the war of 1870-71.

"My neighbor doesn't pay," they say, "because he wants to get the benefit of any reduction that may be made in the end; if I pay and a compromise is effected after the war, the landlord certainly won't return me any money."

ADVISORY BOARD WILL MEET TONIGHT

MAYOR AND ADVISERS WILL DISCUSS OCCUPATION TAX THAT HAS BEEN A NIGHTMARE TO CITY DADS FOR YEARS.

There will be a meeting of the mayor's advisory board at the city hall tonight at 8:30 for the purpose of discussing the occupation tax question that has been a nightmare to the city dads ever since it was enacted. Every year petition after petition has been filed with the city officials asking that the law be modified, changed in some manner, or abolished altogether, and where some relief has been granted in the past, the law as it reads is anything but satisfactory to the working men and mechanics of the city who are compelled to pay a tax for working. The mayor stated this morning that he was not in favor of taxing any man for the privilege of making a living for himself and family, that an occupation tax under certain circumstances and within reasonable bounds was all right, for that reason he has called his advisers together for a meeting tonight, in order that all may advance some idea as to the best solution of the perplexing question.

CITY IS CLEANING OUT STANDPIPE AND MAINS

Commissioner Hunt began this morning emptying the standpipe in order to give it a thorough cleaning. The mains in the city will be flushed by direct pressure and the intake pipes at the city lake raised from the bottom, where it now reposes, and placed to within five feet of the surface. This, the commissioner believes, will greatly relieve the present situation which is getting to be almost unbearable.

Mr. Hunt says he believes the fault is with the mains and with the standpipe, where silt has been allowed to accumulate. Water taken directly from the lake shows no such condition as exists in the city.

Commissioner Hunt says he is confident his theory is correct, and that he will be furnishing the city with pure water within the next few days.

ARMY AVIATORS AT FT SILL

Airships Will be Used in Connection With School of Fire

Lawton, Okla., July 29.—Fifteen officers and ninety men arrived at Fort Sill today from San Diego, Cal. They are the school of aviation mechanics, etc., forming the school of aviation. The machines are expected in two or three days. This is the first time the airships have been used in connection with the school of fire.

EFFORT TO HAVE EXHIBIT BY MERCHANTS

WILL BE MADE AFTER PLANS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY MERCHANTS TO ENCOURAGE BETTER AGRICULTURE, ETC.

An effort is going to be made by the chamber of commerce of this city to have a county fair exhibit of stock and products of the farm and garden here this fall in lieu of the county fair that was agitated by the agricultural agent and which was denied by the failure of the county commissioners to favor the free fair bill.

This city in the past has held such exhibits that proved eminently successful and was instrumental in getting together a creditable exhibit in all branches of farming. Prizes will be offered by the merchants for all exhibits and they believe that a good showing can be made this fall, as the crops in this county are above the average this year and there has been a gradual improvement in stock here in the past few years.

The exhibit will take place some where down town, probably in some vacant store, and the best exhibits displayed will probably be taken with the county exhibit to the state fair at Oklahoma City. If the plans mature, the exhibit will probably be held here on the 18th of September, the same date set for the rally day and exhibit of the boys' cotton, corn and pig clubs, and the girls' canning clubs of the county.

This exhibit will not be confined to farm products and stock, but, as in the past, fancy needlework and all branches of domestic science will come in for their share of attention and proper prizes will be given.

ROCK ISLAND TO RECEIVERSHIP

Holding Company of Railroads into Hands of Receiver.

New York, July 30.—The Rock Island company, the holding concern for the Rock Island railroads, went into receivership yesterday. Its capital is \$150,000,000.

The operating officials in Chicago say that the receivership will not affect the road.

Shipping Second Car

Wilson, Okla., July 30.—I. R. Bynum is shipping his second car of Elberta peaches this season. The crop is good this year, and the Ringling road is appreciated by the fruit growers for the reason that their orchards were unprofitable before the line was built.

EXECUTION OF CHAS. BECKER

FORMER POLICE LIEUTENANT ELECTROCUTED AT SING SING AT 5:55 THIS MORNING.

THREE SHOCKS USED

Required Three Shocks to Kill His Powerful Frame—Becker's Nerve Remained with Him to the Last—Wife Left His Cell at 2 this Morning

Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—With a photo of his wife pinned secretly over his heart, with nerve unshaken and with the words of the litany on his lips, "Have mercy upon us," Charles Becker died in the electric chair at 5:55 this morning.

Becker remained awake and calm all night.

It took three shocks to kill his powerful frame.

Just before his death, he left this last statement:

"In the teeth of those who condemned me and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by a state, which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon every one who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death. Now, on the brink of the grave, I declare to the world I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker.

"This acknowledgment is the only legacy I can leave her."

Mrs. Becker leaving the prison shortly before two o'clock this morning, said, she would never rest until she had exposed the methods used to convict her husband.

A negro murderer, Samuel Haynes, was electrocuted immediately after Becker.

Herman Rosenthal, the gambler for whose murder Charles Becker was sentenced to die in the electric chair, was shot to death by hired gun men in the early morning of July 16, 1912, in front of the Hotel Metropole on Forty-third street, a few steps from Broadway. The murder was the swift culmination of sensational charges made a few days before by Rosenthal against Becker, in which Rosenthal asserted that Becker, then head of the strong arm squad of detectives, freely sold police protection and had accumulated thousands of dollars of graft money.

Rosenthal went further than that. He swore that Becker was his silent partner in a gambling enterprise that failed, and that Becker, angered by losses, where he had expected large profits, raided the Rosenthal establishment and drove Rosenthal out of business by stationing uniformed policemen on his premises day and night.

These charges were published, and District Attorney Whitman began an investigation of them. He summoned Rosenthal to the criminal courts building and listened to his story. An appointment was made with Rosenthal for the next day. Before the time came, Rosenthal was murdered.

When the assassins had done their work, they ran across the street, jumped into a grey automobile which was waiting at the curb and whirled away up town. A bystander caught the license number of the car.

District Attorney Whitman, notified by telephone of the murder, reached the police station where Rosenthal's body lay, before dawn. He aroused his detectives from their sleep and spread a dragnet over the city for the murder car. It was found before night. Its driver, Louis Shapiro, and Louis Lib-

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WILSON TO WASHINGTON

Cornish N. H., July 30.—President Wilson plans to return to Washington next week.